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**REMARKS**

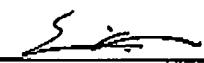
The Applicant appreciates Examiner Deo's time in conducting a telephonic interview on September 5, 2006. As described in more detail below, the Applicant is correcting minor typographical informalities at page 32 of the present specification. The Examiner agreed to enter the corrections following the submission of this *Rule 312 Amendment*.

The present amendment is submitted under 37 CFR § 1.312 in order to correct minor formal and grammatical matters in the specification. Reference character "438" does not appear in the Figures; therefore, "438" has been deleted at page 32, lines 11 and 28. As such, high-concentration impurity regions 435, 441, 444 and 447 are described in the specification at page 32, line 11 and shown in Figure 9A.

Also, the specification refers to "second conductive layers 428b to 432b" at page 31, line 30, to page 32, line 1; and the second conductive layers 428b to 432b are shown in Figure 8C. However, due to a typographical error, at page 32, line 21, the specification improperly refers to "second conductive layers 428a to 432a." Therefore, "428a to 432a" has been changed to "428b to 432b" at page 32, line 21.

The amendments are believed to be needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention, and do not require a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. The amendments do not add new matter and review and approval are respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that any further discussions about this case would be beneficial, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

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